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ATTENTION DME PROVIDERS:

The following changes and updates have been implemented:

Effective March 1, 2001, Durable Medical Equipment (DME) providers submitting requests for oxygen coverage for individuals requiring more than one tank of oxygen should indicate the total number of tanks needed and the medical documentation which supports the requested number of tanks. This procedure will expedite the approval of medically necessary O₂ coverage.

The Medicaid Agency has revised the policy issued in the Provider Notice in section e. Criteria Equipment item 4. The new policy reads:

The DME supplier and its employees may not perform the ABG study or oximetry analysis used to determine medical necessity.

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